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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

JUSTO ET AL.

Examiner

Daniel Zirker

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-21 and 36-49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 50-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. More particularly, despite the cancellation of the former rejected claims in favor of new claims 50-61, the Examiner still finds applicants' claim language in independent claim 50 to be vague, indefinite and confusing, particularly with respect to such parameters as what constitutes an "enclosure", a term which appears nowhere else in applicants' specification and for which the applicants appear to rely upon for support only from an obscure figure, as well as the limitation "disposed within said enclosure" for defining both the heat dissipating component and the conductive assembly. The Examiner still believes that such claim language fails to set forth any meaningful relationship between these various elements of the claim and as such applicants' claims are found to be vague, indefinite and confusing with respect to the parameters defining these essential and critical elements.

3. Claims 50-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi taken in view of Ameen et al., and in further view of any of the three polyethylene related

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specification sheets supplied by applicants in their latest Response, each cited as evidence of the state of the art. To partially reiterate, Yamaguchi is again relied upon substantially as previously set forth as disclosing or clearly rendering obvious applicants' claimed structure in its intended environment, i.e. adjacent at least one heat dissipating component in an enclosure wherein a flexible thermally conductive assembly is formed from a suitable conductive elastomeric member (column 4 lines 16-24) having an electrically conductive "first coating" such as a polyimide heat resistant film present. Ameen et al. is relied upon for disclosing thermally conductive coatings and the encapsulation of electronic solid state devices and other substrates as methods for increasing heat dissipation (column 2 lines 11-43, particularly lines 28-43). Additionally, the Examiner notes that although Ameen et al. fails to disclose a polyethylene layer as encapsulating the elastomeric member, the reference still discloses what range of thermal properties are most desirable, and the Examiner believes that in view of this the selection of a suitable encapsulant such as polyethylene having its well known thermal properties to be at most an obvious optimization to one of ordinary skill, as can clearly be seen by reviewing each of the three polyethylene specification sheets. Additionally, the Examiner believes that one of ordinary skill

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would clearly be motivated by an expectation of both improved and desired thermal dissipation properties in making the relied upon combination between Yamaguchi and Ameen et al. and thereby either form, or clearly render obvious the claimed genus of articles. With respect to the dependent claims, these are believed to recite well known layered materials and elements such as metal, adhesive, and hydrocarbons and as such are believed to be at most an obvious selection to one of ordinary skill, in the absence of unexpected results.

4. Applicants' amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The practice of automatically extending the shortened statutory period an additional month upon the filing of a timely first response to a final rejection has been discontinued by the Office. See 1021 TMOG 35.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE

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ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is (571) 272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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